



Piaractus brachypomus

Pirapatinga

General

1. Also known as Red-bellied pacu

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Tropical America: Orinoco and Amazon River basins.
2. Habitats
 - Freshwater rivers, flood plains, lakes with slow moving waters
 - Tolerant of a pH range of 4.8—6.8
 - Optimal water temperature for growth is 28°C—30°C; tolerant of temperatures as low as 17°C
 - Tolerant of extremely low oxygen conditions
 - Require large flowing rivers for reproduction



<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=427>

Invasion Pathways

1. Aquaria releases
2. Fish farm escapes

Sources

1. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=427>
2. <http://www.galvbayinvasives.org/Guide/Species/ColossomaPiaractus>